

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Examiner: Amanda L. Lauritzen
Howard D. Dean	)	
	)	Art Unit: 3737
Serial No.: 10/089,467	)	
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Filed: 03/27/2002	)	
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For: <b>Method and Apparatus for</b>	)	
<b>Producing an Implant</b>	)	
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Date of Last Office Action:	)	Attorney Docket No.:
June 16, 2008	)	28728-65
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December 10, 2008

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The office action of June 16, 2008 set forth a 3 month statutory period for filing of a response. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant requests a 3 month extension of time for filing. All fees associated with the 3 month extension of time are being paid concurrently with the filing of this response. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Responsive to the office action of June 16, 2008, applicant respectfully states as follows: